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UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting Thursday February 4th, 7:00 P.M.

Western Hills Church of Christ.
210 North General Bruce Dr. Temple, TX

Bell County Skywarn**Saturday February 13th**

Belton ISD Administration Cafeteria
400 N Wall St.

9:00 AM to 12:00 – Basic

1:30 PM to 4:30 = Advanced

Don't forget the Monday night net!

7:00 P.M. on the 146.82 repeater.

Editors Corner

Call it a hunch or a gut feeling but I believe that 2016 holds potential for lots of severe weather. As you remember, the nation saw the late development of cooler weather in the fall due to location of the Jet Stream. When colder weather was finally able to push down into the US there was a larger than normal temperature difference between stronger late fall cold fronts and the air over the US that had stayed warmer than usual longer.

With the winter so far being very mild in central Texas that same greater than usual temperature difference could also exist come spring. I encourage everyone to attend the Skywarn sessions on February 13th. Spread the word and suggest all your friends and family attend also.

We have more ways than ever to be alerted to severe weather but knowing what to look for and learning how to protect ourselves is something we need to know before severe weather hits.

Skywarn

Once again time to think ahead to spring weather. The Bell County Skywarn sessions will be held on Saturday February 13th. Location is the Belton ISD Administration Cafeteria at 400 N Wall St in Belton. The basic session begins at 9:00 AM and goes until 12 noon. The advanced session starts at 1:30 PM and goes until 4:30.

Club Dues

It is time to pay your 2016 TARC clubs dues. Remember that the TARC Bylaws gives you only 90 days to pay them.

Industry News

The Founder of Ham Radio Outlet has passed away. Robert G. Ferrero, W6RJ became a silent key on December 4th. He was 78 years old. Ham Radio Outlet began in 1971. It is the world's largest ham radio retail chain.

Washington

The Amateur Radio Parity Act has gained another co sponsor. US Representative Greg Waldin, W7EQI (R-Oregon) signed on in November. There are now almost 120 cosponsors of H.R. 1301 and three cosponsors of S. 1685.

We have gained another ham in the House of Representatives. Steve Pearce (R-New Mexico) has become the third amateur radio licensee in Congress. His call is KG5KIO.

VE Testing

Anyone that needs to take an amateur radio license exam can contact Jan W5GNK at jang5@yahoo.com or 254-217-3791 or contact Gil N5GLR at gilrymer@gmail.com or 817-480-7511 in order to get an exam scheduled.

Bulletin Content

If anyone has any information they would like to see in the TARC bulletin please contact Myron N5TFK. meseckem@vvm.com. 254-770-0529.

Editors Corner

Let me know if you like or dislike the editors corner. I'm not sure it will appear each month. I'll try to keep it from being critical or controversial. The TARC Bulletin has a long history of publishing columns by the club president and other club members. I would to see something like continue.

Conventions and Ham Fests

February 27th

New Mexico Techfest Convention. 8AM to 5:30 PM. Sponsor: Rocky Mountain Ham Radio, New Mexico. NM Veterans' Memorial Event Center, 1100 Louisiana Blvd SE. Admission: \$10.

www.rmham.org/wordpress/new-mexico-techfest

March 5th

Oklahoma (Elk City) Sponsor: West Central Oklahoma ARC. Elk City Community Civic Center, 1016 E Airport Industrial Rd. Admission: \$5

March 5th

Texas (Irving). 8AM – 2PM. Sponsor: Irving ARC. Betcha Bingo Hall, 2420 W Irving Blvd. Admission \$3 Advance, \$4 Door.

www.irvingarc.org

Check out all Hamfests and conventions at www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar

Special Event Stations for January

Considering how mild the winter has been so far for central TX here are a couple of special event stations sure to make you glad you live as south as you do.

February 13 – 15, 1600Z – 2345Z, W0JH. Stillwater, MN. Stillwater Amateur Radio Association and Radio City Inc. **Frozen Lake Portable Ice Station W0JH**. 21.360 14.280 7.260 3.860 Certificate by email.

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February 20 1400Z – 2200Z, W0EBB, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP Amateur Radio Club. **12th Annual Freeze Your Keys Winter Operating Event**. 14.325 14.058 7.240 7.035 QSL.

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Check out all the special event stations at www.arrl.org/special-event-stations